

zens of Washington county, counter to the memorials praying the repeal of so much of the law of last session as restricted the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road Company to certain points, &c

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on internal improvements.

Mr. Pakner presented a petition of Matthias George, of Queen Anne's county, praying the passage of a law, to enable him to comply with his contract, solemnly made and entered into with a certain Benjamin Price, in the year 1829, and by which he obliged himself to manumit certain negroes therein mentioned,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Palmer, Harrison and Dunbracco.

Mr. Carpiater presented a memorial of sundry farmers and planters of Charles county, praying certain improvements in agriculture in this State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Tuck submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the Senate,

By the House of Delegates,
February 24th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We return you a bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower Elizabeth Duvall, executrix of Grafton B. Duvall, of Anne Arundel county, to sell and dispose of her negro man William Philips, who is a slave only for a term of years, beyond the limits of this state, which your honorable body has rejected, and respectfully request a reconsideration thereof. The depositions accompanying the memorial of Mrs. Duvall, abundantly prove that the slave in question is notoriously and incorrigibly vicious and turbulent, and leave no room for doubt that on application to A. A. county court, the slave would be directed to be transported. The ground of the application to the Legislature for a special act, is that Anne Arundel county court will not be in session until the latter part of April next, and during all the intermediate time the slave must be detained in jail in order to protect his mistress from the outrages to which she might be subjected, if she should be persuaded to take a slave of such bad character to her home.

If there was no other inducement to the passage of the bill which is now returned to your honorable body, we would respectfully suggest that a regard for the interests of